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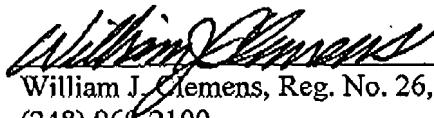
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| <b>PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW</b><br><i>FACSIMILE TRANSMITTED</i>   |                                | Docket Number (Optional)<br><b>16756</b> |
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| Art Unit<br><b>3654</b>  | Examiner<br><b>T. MATTHEWS</b> |  |
| <p>Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.</p> <p>This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.</p> <p>The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s).<br/>Note: No more than five (5) pages may be provided.</p>   |                                |  |
| <p>I am the</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest.<br/>See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed.<br/>(Form PTO/SB/96)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record.<br/>Registration number <u>26,855</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent acting under 37 CFR 1.34.<br/>Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____</p> |                                |  |
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5) The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 4-7 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baranda (WO 99/43589) in view of Kinoshita (US-5891561) in further view of Danhauer (US 2002/0098935). The Examiner rejected Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baranda in view of Kinoshita and Danhauer, and in further view of Bauer (US-2002/0185338). The Examiner rejected Claims 11-12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baranda in view of Kinoshita and Danhauer, and in further view of Mori (US-2002/0112924). Claim 1 recites a flat-belt-like support means supporting said elevator car and engaging said drive pulley, said support means being a wedge-ribbed belt having a running surface facing said drive pulley and a plurality of ribs and grooves formed in said running surface and extending in parallel in a longitudinal direction of said support means, said ribs and grooves being one of triangular-shaped and trapezium-shaped in cross section and formed with lateral flanks at an angle in a range of 80° to 100°. Claim 13 includes similar limitations. The Examiner failed to cite any art showing a wedge-ribbed belt having lateral flanks arranged with an angle in the range recited in Applicants' claims. See the remarks on Pages 7-9 of Applicants' Amendment filed April 17, 2007 and on Pages 8-11 of Applicants' Amendment filed October 18, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



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